

as he deems necessary to be assured of the safety and seaworthiness of the vessel.

Subpart 91.27—Reinspection

§ 91.27-1 When made.

(a) At least one reinspection shall be made on each vessel holding a certificate of inspection valid for two years. This reinspection will be made, where possible, between the tenth and fourteenth month of the period for which the certificate is valid.

(b) No written application for reinspection will be required.

§ 91.27-5 Scope.

(a) The inspector shall examine all accessible parts of the vessel's hull, machinery, and equipment to be assured that it is in a satisfactory condition.

(b) In general, the scope of the reinspection shall be the same as for the inspection for certification, but will be in less detail unless it is determined that a major change has occurred since the last inspection.

§ 91.27-10 Deficiencies in maintenance.

(a) If the reinspection reveals deficiencies in the maintenance as called for by the regulations in this subchapter, such necessary repairs or improvements shall be made as may be ordered.

§ 91.27-13 Alternative provisions for reinspections of offshore supply vessels in foreign ports.

(a) The owner or operator of an offshore supply vessel of less than 400 gross tons, except liftboats as defined in § 90.10-20 of this subchapter, may request authorization to conduct an alternative midperiod examination. The request must be made to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection who is assigned responsibility for conducting inspections in the country in which the vessel is operating and will be examined. To qualify for the alternative midperiod examination, the following requirements must be met:

(1) The request for authorization must be in writing and received by the cognizant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection before the end of the twelfth

month of the period of validity of the vessel's certificate of inspection; and

(2) The vessel is expected to be continuously employed outside of the United States during the tenth through the fourteenth month of the period of validity of the vessel's certificate of inspection.

(b) In determining whether to grant authorization for the alternative midperiod examination, the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection shall consider the following:

(1) Information contained in previous inspection and drydock examination reports, including the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection's recommendation for participation in the alternative midperiod examination program, if one has been made;

(2) The nature, number, and severity of any marine casualties or accidents, as defined in § 4.03-1 of this chapter, which the vessel has experienced in the last three years;

(3) The nature, number, and severity of any outstanding inspection requirements for the vessel; and

(4) The owner or operator's history of compliance and cooperation in the alternative midperiod examination program, including:

(i) The prompt correction of deficiencies;

(ii) The reliability of previously submitted alternative examination reports; and

(iii) The reliability of representations that the vessel under consideration will be, and other vessels previously examined under this section were, employed outside of the United States for the tenth through the fourteenth month of the periods of validity of their certificates of inspection.

(c) If authorization is granted, the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection shall provide the applicant written authorization to proceed with the alternative midperiod examination, including special instructions when appropriate.

(d) The following conditions must be met for the alternative midperiod examination to be accepted by the Coast Guard in lieu of conducting a reinspection in accordance with § 91.27-1 of this subpart.